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Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration

1. Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and the note by the President of the Security Council dated 31 December 2008 (S/2008/847), the Secretary-General wishes to submit the list of items of which the Security Council is currently seized. The last full list of items of which the Security Council is seized (S/2008/10/Add.48) was issued on 10 December 2008. The last weekly addendum (S/2008/10/Add.52) covered developments up to 3 January 2009.

2. The following list sets out the items of which the Security Council is currently seized and which have been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the three-year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008. The list indicates the date on which each item was first taken up by the Council at a formal meeting, and the date of the most recent formal Council meeting held on that item.

1. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly (6 September 1946; 30 October 2008).
2. The situation in the Middle East (18 July 1960; 17 December 2008).
3. The situation in Cyprus (16 July 1974; 12 December 2008).
4. The situation concerning Western Sahara (20 October 1975; 30 April 2008).
5. The situation in Timor-Leste (15 December 1975; 19 August 2008).
6. United Nations peacekeeping operations (30 May 1990; 23 February 2006).
7. The situation in Liberia (22 January 1991; 19 December 2008).
8. The situation in Somalia (17 March 1992; 19 December 2008).
9. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (9 September 1992; 5 December 2008).
10. The situation in Georgia (8 October 1992; 9 October 2008).
11. The situation concerning Rwanda (12 March 1993; 10 July 2008).
12. The question concerning Haiti (16 June 1993; 14 October 2008).

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13. The situation in Burundi (25 October 1993; 22 December 2008).

14. The situation in Afghanistan (24 January 1994; 14 October 2008).

15. The situation in Sierra Leone (27 November 1995; 4 August 2008).

16. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (29 February 1996; 19 December 2008).

17. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994 (29 February 1996; 19 December 2008).

18. The situation in the Great Lakes region (1 November 1996; 22 December 2008).

19. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (29 May 1997; 22 December 2008).

20. The situation in the Central African Republic (6 August 1997; 2 December 2008).

21. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia (26 June 1998; 30 July 2008).

22. Children and armed conflict (29 June 1998; 17 July 2008).

23. The situation in Guinea-Bissau (6 November 1998; 15 October 2008).

24. Protection of civilians in armed conflict (12 February 1999; 27 May 2008).

25. Small arms (24 September 1999; 30 April 2008).

26. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999) (5 November 1999; 26 November 2008).

27. General issues relating to sanctions (17 April 2000; 21 December 2006).

28. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question (3 October 2000; 31 December 2008).

29. Women and peace and security (24 October 2000; 29 October 2008).

30. Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice (31 October 2000; 28 October 2008).

31. Briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (10 November 2000; 24 January 2006).

32. Briefing by the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (21 January 2001; 26 September 2008).

33. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B (10 September 2001; 10 December 2008).

34. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts (12 September 2001; 9 December 2008).

35. Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council (18 December 2002; 15 December 2008).

36. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire (20 December 2002; 7 November 2008).

37. Security Council mission (18 June 2003; 4 December 2008).

38. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (22 April 2004; 18 August 2008).

39. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (11 June 2004; 19 December 2008).

40. Post-conflict peacebuilding (26 May 2005; 21 October 2008).

41. The situation concerning Iraq (31 May 2005; 22 December 2008).

42. Threats to international peace and security (14 September 2005; 8 January 2007).

43. Non-proliferation (29 March 2006; 10 December 2008).

44. The situation in Chad and the Sudan (25 April 2006; 3 December 2008).

45. Briefing by the Chairman of the African Union (31 May 2006; 31 May 2006).

46. Strengthening international law: rule of law and maintenance of international peace and security (22 June 2006; 22 June 2006).

47. Letter dated 4 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/481) (15 July 2006; 6 October 2006).

48. Peace consolidation in West Africa (9 August 2006; 9 August 2006).

49. The situation in Myanmar (15 September 2006; 2 May 2008).

50. Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea (14 October 2006; 11 January 2007).

51. Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920) (1 December 2006; 7 November 2008).

52. Maintenance of international peace and security: role of the Security Council in supporting security sector reform (20 February 2007; 12 May 2008).

53. Letter dated 5 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/186) (17 April 2007; 17 April 2007).

54. Maintenance of international peace and security (25 June 2007; 19 November 2008).

55. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion (27 August 2007; 12 December 2008).

56. Peace and security in Africa (25 September 2007; 15 December 2008).

57. The role of regional and subregional organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security (6 November 2007; 6 November 2007).

58. Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (6 December 2007; 25 February 2008).

59. Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2006/507) (27 August 2008; 27 August 2008).

3. The following list sets out those items which were identified in the summary statement for 2008 (S/2008/10 and Add.1-52) as matters of which the Security Council was seized and which have not been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the three-year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008. The list indicates the date on which each item was first taken up by the Council at a formal meeting, and the date of the most recent formal Council meeting held on that item.

60. The Palestine question (9 December 1947; 25 November 1966).

61. The India-Pakistan question (6 January 1948; 5 November 1965).

62. The Hyderabad question (16 September 1948; 24 May 1949).

63. Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General (21 February 1958; 21 February 1958).

64. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (18 July 1960; 5 January 1961).

65. Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (4 January 1961; 5 January 1961).

66. The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent (4 December 1971; 27 December 1971).

67. Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (9 December 1971; 9 December 1971).

68. Complaint by Cuba (17 September 1973; 18 September 1973).

69. Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East (15 December 1973; 15 December 1973).

70. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question (12 January 1976; 11 October 1985).

71. The situation in the occupied Arab territories (4 May 1976; 13 July 1998).

72. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights (9 June 1976; 30 April 1980).

73. The situation between Iran and Iraq (26 September 1980; 31 January 1991).

74. Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (2 October 1985; 4 October 1985).

75. Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (4 February 1986; 6 February 1986).

76. Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

(15 April 1986; 24 April 1986).

77. Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (21 April 1988; 25 April 1988).

78. Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (9 February 1990; 9 February 1990).

79. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait (2 August 1990; 11 April 2005).

80. Complaint by Ukraine regarding the decree of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation concerning Sevastopol (20 July 1993; 20 July 1993).

81. Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (22 April 1998; 6 July 2005).

82. Protection of United Nations personnel, associated personnel and humanitarian personnel in conflict zones (9 February 2000; 26 August 2003).

83. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations (17 July 2000; 18 July 2005).

84. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month (31 August 2001; 30 March 2005).

85. Africa's food crisis as a threat to peace and security (3 December 2002; 30 June 2005).

86. Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (28 January 2003; 28 January 2003).

87. Proliferation of small arms and light weapons and mercenary activities: threats to peace and security in West Africa (18 March 2003; 18 March 2003).

88. The role of the Security Council in the pacific settlement of disputes (13 May 2003; 13 May 2003).

89. Response to the humanitarian situation in Iraq (22 May 2003; 22 May 2003).

90. Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations role (24 September 2003; 6 October 2004).

91. Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/939);

    Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/943)

    (5 October 2003; 5 October 2003).

92. Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/934) (10 October 2003; 10 October 2003).

93. The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations (13 November 2003; 19 November 2003).

94. Central African region (24 November 2003; 24 November 2003).

95. Post-conflict national reconciliation: role of the United Nations (26 January 2004; 26 January 2004).

96. Cross-border issues in West Africa (25 March 2004; 25 February 2005).

97. The role of business in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding (15 April 2004; 15 April 2004).

98. Decision of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to abandon its weapons of mass destruction programmes (22 April 2004; 22 April 2004).

99. Letter dated 25 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/425) (25 May 2004; 25 May 2004).

100. Complex crises and United Nations response (28 May 2004; 28 May 2004).

101. Role of civil society in post-conflict peacebuilding (22 June 2004; 22 June 2004).

102. Civilian aspects of conflict management and peacebuilding (22 September 2004; 22 September 2004).

103. Institutional relationship with the African Union (19 November 2004; 19 November 2004).

104. The maintenance of international peace and security: the role of the Security Council in humanitarian crises — challenges, lessons learned and the way ahead (12 July 2005; 12 July 2005).

105. Letters dated 26 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/485 and S/2005/489) (27 July 2005; 27 July 2005).

106. The role of civil society in conflict prevention and the pacific settlement of disputes (20 September 2005; 20 September 2005).

4. Pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 31 December 2008 (S/2008/847), the members of the Security Council have carried out a review of items on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized and determined that the Council had concluded its consideration of item 11 above. Accordingly, this item is subject to deletion in 2009. Also pursuant to the note by the President, items 60 to 106 above are subject to deletion in 2009, because they have not been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the three-year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008.

5. Pursuant to the procedure set out in the note by the President, the items listed in paragraph 4 above will be deleted unless a State Member of the United Nations notifies the President of the Security Council by 28 February 2009 that it wishes an item subject to deletion to remain on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized, in which case such item will remain, unless the Security Council decides otherwise. The deletion of an item does not imply that such an item cannot be taken up by the Security Council as and when it deems necessary in the future.

6. The first addendum of each month to the summary statement will contain a full, updated list of items of which the Security Council is seized. In intervening weeks, the Secretary-General, in fulfilment of his responsibility under rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, will issue a weekly addendum to the summary statement listing only those items on which further action was taken by the Council during the previous week or indicating that there was no change during that period.

7. The first addendum issued in March 2009 will indicate those items identified in paragraph 4 above as subject to deletion and which, at the request of a Member State, the Security Council has decided to retain for one year, and will also indicate those items identified in paragraph 4 which, in the absence of such a decision by the Security Council, have been deleted from the list.